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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated August
21, 1996. Reconsideration of this application is requested.

Claims 1-23 have been rejected as being non-statutory
under 35 U.S.C. §101 because they allegedly seek undue extension
of monopoly timewise of patent rights of applicants' U.S. Patent
No. 5,473,380. Claims 1-23 also have been rejected under the

judicially created Doctrine of Obviousness-type Double Patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-20 of U.S. Patent No. 5,473,380 in view of U.S. Patent 5,543,847 (Kato).

Consistent with 37 C.F.R. §1.321(b)(1)(iv) and MPEP §804.02, a Terminal Disclaimer signed by the below-named attorney of record is submitted herewith. Also enclosed is the requisite fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.20(d) in the amount of \$110.00. Finally, a Statement under 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) signed by the attorney of record as permitted by MPEP §324 also is enclosed.

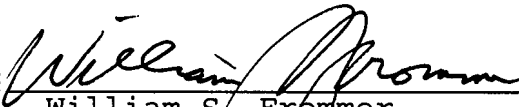
By reason of the Terminal Disclaimer submitted herewith, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 1-23 under 35 U.S.C. §101 and under the judicially created Doctrine of Obvious-type Double Patenting be withdrawn.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's implicit finding that the prior art made of record and not relied upon do not render the claims of the present application unpatentable.

The allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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